

# Maryland Elite Dog Spa, LLC

## Matted Dog Release Form

Matted coats can cause a variety of skin and health problems. Matted fur does not allow air circulation to the skin, causing hot spots and bacterial and fungal infections. Fleas, ticks, larvae, and other parasites may lurk in the coat, causing further skin infections.

Matted fur also pulls and binds, causing pain to your pet when it moves or lays on mats. The skin underneath is usually raw and inflamed. Matted coats will not dry properly, leading to rotting fur and skin.

Due to the matting, your dog's hair may need to be shaved extremely short to the skin and may show signs of skin irritation and sores due to the matting, wet undercoat, and dirty undercoat.

(Please note more than one grooming session may be required.)

Our salon and groomers aim to make your pet's grooming experience as stress-free as possible. Due to the condition of your dog's coat, we have determined that the only humane way to do this is to shave the dog's coat down. This is a short clip that removes all the matting. Where feasible, we work to de-mat/brush out the dog's coat, but only when it would not cause excessive pain and suffering to attempt to do so.

There is a strong chance that your pet's skin will become irritated during clipping. The matted hair rests tightly against the skin; the only way to remove it is to use a short blade clip between the skin and mats. Your dog may get nicked and cut because the groomer has to work so closely to the skin to remove the matted coat.

Our groomers are meticulous, but injury is possible. Understanding these risks, our salon can proceed with the de-matting process.

I hereby release Maryland Elite Dog Spa and Grooming Staff from any liability associated with the process mentioned above and any medical problems that may be uncovered and occur during the stripping and de-matting process.

Should veterinarian care be needed after or during this process, I agree to pay any veterinarian Fees.